Chapter 165: OPERATION UTOPIA

ONE PIECE

The Flavor of Sand

I WILL, TOH-TOH.

BUT I HOPE YOU'LL VISIT US WHEN THE CITY IS SETTLED.

WE WON'T BE SEEING YOU FOR A WHILE, VIVI ...

DO OK!!

VIVI...

PLEASE DON'T WORRY.

WFF...

GOOD OLD TOH-TOH...

...

I'M GOING TO STOP THE REBELLION!

...

!

THANK YOU!!!

THA...

LET'S GO TO BED AND BUILD UP OUR STRENGTH FOR TOMORROW!

GOOD NIGHT!!

DOOM!

WELL, IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY!!

BESIDES, YOU GET THE PRIZE FOR FAINTING, BLUE-NOSE!!

WHAP!!

GLINT

UMBF !!

THAT DOES IT!!

I'M NOT A MONSTER LIKE YOU!!

THAT'S NOT FAIR! I COLLAPSED FROM EXHAUSTION!! I'M ONLY HUMAN!!

UBF!

THWAP!!

OOF !?

YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING ALL DAY!

SNORRR

THWAP!

LET'S FIGHT !!!

DON'T YOU GUYS KNOW THE MEANING OF "REST" !!?

WHO THREW THAT PILLOW!? YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF GUTS!!

GASP !!

HAW HAW HAW

SWOOSH

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL!?

OH, I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D WANT TO SLEEP ALONE TONIGHT.

SANJI, THAT'S MY...

I'M ADAPTED TO THE COLD!!

THWAP!!

SWOOSH

YAUK

YAUK

CHUCKLE

...

SURE, THERE'S WATER..

YUBA OASIS IS STILL ALIVE.

SHUK...

SHUK...

SHUK SHUK

SHUK SHUK

HEY, OLD MAN, WHERE'S THE WATER!!? MY THROAT'S PARCHED!!

HOW CAN YOU LIVE OUT HERE? IT'S ROUGH.

I'LL DIG FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES.

THE KING HIMSELF ENTRUSTED THIS PLACE TO ME!!

SHUK...

SHUK

YUBA WILL NEVER SURRENDER TO THE SANDS.

WHAT IS THIS, SABOTAGE !!?

HUH?

HEY!! STOP!! YOU'RE THROWING SAND INTO THE HOLE I JUST DUG!!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S DIG!!

I SEE.

SHUK SHUK SHUK

I'M HELPING YOU.

...

HMM...

NO, IT'S NOT !!!

HMM... THAT'S AN INTERESTING QUESTION.

WHAK!

WHAT KIND OF HELP IS THAT!?

NO, YOU'RE NOT! YOU'RE UNDOING ALL THE WORK I'VE DONE!

...?

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KLAK...

...

HRONKK!!

...NO JOKE !!!

THIS AIN'T ...

QUIET, YOU FOOL!! YOUR JABBER MAKES MY BACK HURT!!

CALM DOWN, MR. 2 BON CLAY.

I'M GOING TO SPIN!! WHEN I SPIN, I LOOK LIKE A SWAN!!

THEY COULD AT LEAST BRING OUT SOME OCTO-PARS!!

HOW LONG MUST WE WAIT!!?

FWIP

FWIP

WHAK WHAK WHAK WHAK!!

TAP TAP

WHAK WHAK WHAK!!

YOU TOO, MS. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

HUH HUH HUH!!

NOT THAT YOU NEED TO...

SKREECH SKREECH

HEE HEE HEE... I GUESS IT WAS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT YOU ALL TO GET ALONG.

WHAK WHAK!!

MS. ALL SUNDAY!

OH, SUNDAY, HOW DELUX YOU DO!!?

SHUT UP, YOU FOOL!!

WHERE ARE WE...

...MS. ALL SUNDAY?

IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE YOUR FACES.

I KNOW IT WAS A LONG TRIP, BUT I'M GLAD YOU ALL MADE IT.

BUT YOU'VE ALL HEARD OF THIS PLACE. PEOPLE COME HERE TO GET RICH QUICK AT THE GAMING TABLES.

BUNCHI BROUGHT YOU HERE BY THE BACK ROADS.

THIS IS RAINBASE, THE CITY OF DREAMS.

AND THIS BUILDING WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW...

BLAB BLAB

YACK YACK

... TOWERS OVER THE CENTER OF RAINBASE.

TA-DAH!

IT'S THE CITY'S BIGGEST CASINO ...

CASINO

YOU'RE IN RAIN DINNERS RIGHT NOW.

RAIN DINNERS CASINO

!!

BUT FIRST, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE...

...SOMEONE WHOSE FACE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN--THE PRESIDENT OF BAROQUE WORKS!!

JUST START! GET GOING! START!!

PLEASE DO!!

NOW, IF THERE ARE NO MORE QUESTIONS, WE'LL GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

WHAK WHAK WHAK!

BUT THAT'S NO LONGER NECESSARY.

FW IK . . . . !!

UNTIL NOW, I'VE ACTED AS HIS FACE AND MOUTHPIECE.

!!?

WOOOoo...!!

THE TIME HAS COME...

WAAH !!!

THUD...

UTOPIA.

WHUP...

OPER-
ATION
...

DO

OH!

THIS IS BAROQUE WORKS'
...

...ULTIMATE PLAN.

SIR CROCO-DILE!!?

ACK !!

!!!?

HUH !!?

...!?

RECOGNIZE HIM!? HE'S A PIRATE! ONE OF THE SEVEN WARLORDS OF THE SEA!!

THAT'S SOME V.I.P. WHO JUST SHOWED UP.

I SEE YOU RECOGNIZE HIM...

...

...OR HIS PUBLIC FACE, AT LEAST.

YOU'RE OUR BOSS?

HU...

DON'T TELL ME WE'RE HENCHMEN FOR A PIRATE!!?

DO

ON

!!!!

DISAP-POINTED?

WHY WOULD ONE OF THE PIRATE ALLIES OF THE WORLD GOVERNMENT CREATE AN ORGANIZATION LIKE THIS?

NOT DISAPPOINTED, JUST CONFUSED.

DOOM!!!

!!!

I WANT MILITARY MIGHT.

...!?

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN MONEY OR STATUS.

I WILL NOW REVEAL TO YOU MY TRUE AIM...

...THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF BAROQUE WORKS.

FWIK...

MILITARY MIGHT!?

WOOOO.....OOO

SO THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOWARD ALL ALONG?

THIS IS SO EXCITING!!

SUCH A THING ACTUALLY EXISTS IN THIS KINGDOM!!?

AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT AWAY, KINGDOM AND ALL!?

KRUNCH.....!!

THE TIME HAS COME FOR ALABASTA TO DISAPPEAR.

THOSE ARE MY FINAL INSTRUC-TIONS TO YOU.

CORRECT. SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING OF BAROQUE WORKS...

...EVERY-THING WE'VE DONE WAS IN PREPARATION FOR THIS.

FWOOF...!!

...THE KINGDOM OF ALABASTA WILL SELF-DESTRUCT!!!

WITH NOWHERE TO GO, THE REBELS AND CITIZENS WILL INEVITABLY...

WHEN YOUR INDIVIDUAL MISSIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT...

...OUR UTOPIA !!!

IN A SINGLE NIGHT, THE KINGDOM WILL BECOME...

...FALL UNDER THE CONTROL OF BAROQUE WORKS!!

K-R U-K-...

WOooOOO

WE BEGIN AT SEVEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING!!!

THIS IS BAROQUE WORKS' ULTIMATE PLAN-- OPERATION UTOPIA.

FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.

WOOOOO

RIGHT.

DOOM

I PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS.

HERE.

TAKE THIS WITH YOU, LUFFY.

WE'LL BE GOING NOW, TOH-TOH.

DON'T APOLOGIZE.

VIVI, PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR THIS DISGRACEFUL SIGHT.

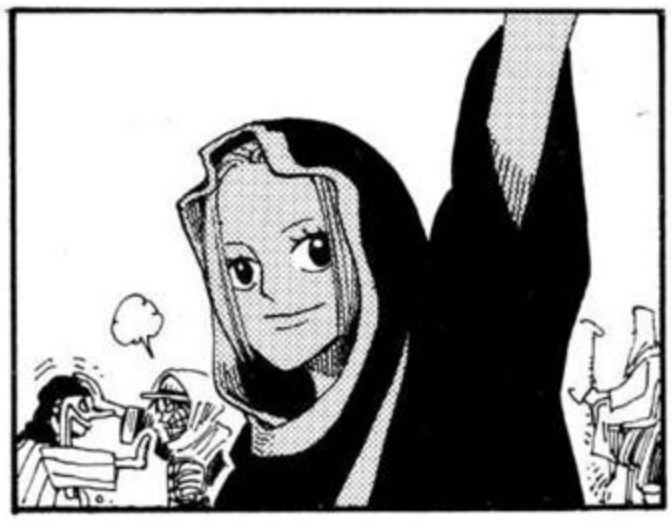
JUST AFTER YOU FELL ASLEEP DIGGING LAST NIGHT...

...I HIT DAMP SAND.

YOU HIT WATER!?

WATER !!?

WOW! WATER !!



IT'S GENUINE YUBA WATER. I'M SORRY THERE ISN'T MORE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT THANKS. I'LL DRINK IT REAL SLOW!!

I WAS ABLE TO EXTRACT SOME WATER FROM IT.

DOOM

LUFFY!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

HUH!!

THUD ...!

...

WHAT'S WRONG, LUFFY?

...

HMM ...

DA-DOOM!!

HUH!??

I QUIT.

WIP WIP